

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS - Sunday, December 21, 2025

Regular services at 8:00am, 9:00am (*Worship Together*), 11:00am, and 4:30pm.

Children & Families: Sunday school at 11:00am. **Coffee Hour:** After 9:00am & 11:00am.

2026 Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up today in the West Aisle.

Dec. 24 & 25: Christmas Eve & Christmas Day



Let's celebrate together the miracle of the Incarnation when the blessings of hope, peace, joy, and love came to us in the child of Bethlehem. Everyone is invited. Join us with your family, friends, and invite your neighbours!

Wednesday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve

4:00pm: Festive Organ Recital*

4:30pm: Lessons & Carols*

7:30pm: Choral Eucharist*

Thursday, Dec. 25: Christmas Day

8:00am: Said Eucharist

10:30am: Choral Eucharist*

*Also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto

Notice of Retirement



We announce the retirement of our Vicar and Sub Dean, The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields, from full-time ministry, effective June 30, 2026. Ordained in 1981, he has served the church in New York, Barbados, and Toronto, including here at St. James Cathedral since 2021. His ministry has been marked by a deep commitment to proclaiming Christ, advocating for the poor and marginalized, and challenging the Church to confront racism. We give thanks for his ministry and for all who have shared in his journey, as he looks forward to continuing to serve the Church as God calls after a time of rest. His final Sunday of full-time service at the Cathedral will be May 31, 2026, the 45th anniversary of his ordination to Diaconate.

Make a Special Year-End Gift

Ways to give

Your support is important to us.

We are grateful for your generous support throughout the year.

Please make a special end-of-year gift. Donate by December 31 to receive a 2025 tax receipt.

Choose one of the following easy ways to give:

1. **E-Transfer:** to gifts@stjamescathedral.ca, include name and address for tax receipt. Tax receipts will be issued for gifts of \$20 or more in 2026.
2. **Give Online:** www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-james-cathedral/
3. **In-Person:** Drop off your donation in the secure mailbox, mounted in the vestibule at the 65 Church Street entrance doors.
4. **Other Ways to Give**, please visit:
stjamescathedral.ca/donate/give-online
or scan our QR code:



Share the Joy: Ways to support our Drop-In program this Christmas!



Volunteer with us: On Boxing Day (Dec. 26), and in the New Year (Jan. 2). Shifts will run between 9:00am & 5:30pm.

For details or to volunteer, please contact Kathy Biasi – Outreach Manager at 416 364-7865 Ext. 222 or kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca

On behalf of the Drop-In program, thank you for the ongoing support and care you show at this time and throughout the year. Your generosity helps make the Drop-In a welcoming, safe, and caring community for all our neighbours and volunteers.

St. Bartholomew's Food Drive. Thank you for your support



If you can, please support the food program at St. Bartholomew's Church by donating nonperishable food items in the red bin located at the King Street entrance of the Cathedral.

Donations will be accepted until Dec. 31.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, Jan. 1: New Year's Day & Bishop's Levee



12:15pm: Eucharist and carols

1:30pm-2:45pm: Receiving Line and Reception with the ringing of the Bells of Old York

2:45pm: Festive Music for Brass Quintet

3:30pm: Choral Evensong with the presentations of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto

Sunday, Jan. 4 at 4:30pm:

Epiphany Lessons and Carols with the Chalking of the Doors

Join us for a beautiful Epiphany service of readings, hymns, and choral music as we follow the journey of the wise men and reflect on the early ministry of Jesus. We will also bless the cathedral and all who will enter in the coming year through the ancient ceremony of the chalking of the doors. The service begins with an organ recital at 4:00pm. All are welcome!

Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 11:00am: Join us for Scripture Circle in the New Year
Our Scripture Circle meets each Wednesday at 11:00am to discuss and reflect on the Bible passages we heard the previous Sunday. This group is open to all and is a wonderful way to deepen our understanding of God's word together in community. If you have any questions, please contact the Rev. Matthew Waterman at mwaterman@stjamescathedral.ca.

Sunday, Jan. 11 at 4:30pm: Installation of Canons

Canon Kristen Pitts will be installed as Canon Missioner with the newly appointed Honorary Canons of the Cathedral. All are invited.

Sunday, January 18 at 4:30pm: Memorial Evensong for Giles Bryant

Giles Bryant, Director of Music at St. James Cathedral 1979-1999, profoundly influenced the lives of many in our community. We will honour his life and work. Reception follows.

Monday, Jan. 19 at 2:00pm: The York Group and Will Postma

The York York welcomes Will Postma, CEO of Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF), as the guest speaker. No RSVP. Info: stjamescathedral.ca/community/york-group

Friday, Jan. 30 at 6:00pm: Family Fun Night

Bring your whole family for an evening of fun and games for all ages. Dinner is provided. Free and open to all. Theme: The Great LEGO Build Off. No experience required.

Details: stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight/

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK

Online Morning Prayer at 8:30am

will not be offered from Dec. 24 - Jan. 1
and will resume on Jan. 2, 2026
via the Cathedral YouTube channel.

Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm

will not be offered from Dec. 24 - Dec. 26
and will resume on Dec. 27 in the Cathedral
- St. George's Chapel.

Cathedral Centre will be closed from Dec. 24 at 3:00pm and reopen on Jan. 2.

The Cathedral will be closed on Dec. 26 and reopen on Saturday, Dec. 27.

The Drop-In will be celebrating the New Year on Friday, Jan. 2 at 1:00pm.

Services: Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Readings for December 24:

Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-20

Readings for December 25:

Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:1-12
John 1:1-14

St. James Cemetery: Seasonal Wreath program, Pre-planning services & Plots available.

The Cemetery office will be closed on Dec. 24 at noon, Dec. 25-28, reopening on Dec. 29, and will be closed on Dec. 31 at noon and Jan. 1, reopening on Jan. 2.

The Cemetery Gates hours stay the same from 8:00am to 5:00pm, seven days a week.

Contact: 416-964-9194 / cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca / www.stjamescemetery.ca

Online Morning Prayer:

Join our clergy and fellow members of the Cathedral for Morning Prayer in our **Zoom Chapel**. To access, please scan the QR code.

For more information, visit: stjamescathedral.ca/morningprayer/



Tuesday: Organ Recitals will resume on Jan. 13.

Wednesday: Scripture Circle will resume on Jan. 7.

Friday: Drop-In from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. We welcome our guests for a nutritious meal.

Saturday: Children's Community Choir Rehearsals 9:30am-10:30am resume on Jan. 10.

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